

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT OF THE
KNOTT COUNTY
SHERIFF**

**For The Year Ended
December 31, 2014**



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AUDIT EXAMINATION OF THE KNOTT COUNTY SHERIFF

**For The Year Ended
December 31, 2014**

The Auditor of Public Accounts has completed the Knott County Sheriff's audit for the year ended December 31, 2014. Based upon the audit work performed, the financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and excess fees in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting.

Financial Condition:

Excess fees decreased by \$14,578 from the prior year, resulting in excess fees of \$17,725 as of December 31, 2014. Receipts decreased by \$40,969 from the prior year and disbursements decreased by \$26,391.

Deposits:

The Sheriff's deposits were insured and collateralized by bank securities.

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The Honorable Zach Weinburg, Knott County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Dale Richardson, Knott County Sheriff
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Independent Auditor's Report

Report on the Financial Statement

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Excess Fees - Regulatory Basis of the County Sheriff of Knott County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statement.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting as described in Note 1. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Audit Guide for County Fee Officials* issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.



The Honorable Zach Weinburg, Knott County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Dale Richardson, Knott County Sheriff
Members of the Knott County Fiscal Court

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the County Sheriff on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of each fund of the County Sheriff, as of December 31, 2014, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the County Sheriff for the year ended December 31, 2014, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 15, 2016 on our consideration of the Knott County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Knott County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mike Harmon
Auditor of Public Accounts

April 15, 2016

KNOTT COUNTY
DALE RICHARDSON, SHERIFF
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND EXCESS FEES - REGULATORY BASIS

For The Year Ended December 31, 2014

Receipts

Federal Grants:

High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Grant (HIDTA)	\$ 24,232	
Lake Patrol Grant	15,652	
Highway Safety Grant	<u>9,961</u>	\$ 49,845

State - Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund (KLEFPF)	22,081
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State Fees For Services:

House Bill 452	4,535	
Sheriff Security Service	<u>71,253</u>	75,788

Circuit Court Clerk:

Kentucky River Community Care - Jail Diversion	7,400
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Fiscal Court	97,759
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County Clerk - Delinquent Taxes	37,143
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Commission On Taxes Collected	260,549
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Fees Collected For Services:

Auto Inspections	3,577	
Accident and Police Reports	453	
Serving Papers	15,280	
Carrying Concealed Deadly Weapon Permits	<u>3,580</u>	22,890

Other:

Other Fees From Taxes	18,648	
Knott County Tourism	4,049	
School Resource Officer	29,600	
Telecommunications Commissions	3,776	
Miscellaneous	<u>5,426</u>	61,499

Interest Earned	636
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Borrowed Money:

State Advancement	<u>135,000</u>
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Total Receipts	770,590
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

KNOTT COUNTY
 DALE RICHARDSON, SHERIFF
 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND EXCESS FEES - REGULATORY BASIS
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2014
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Disbursements

Operating Disbursements and Capital Outlay:

Personnel Services-

Deputies' Salaries	\$ 219,536
Other Salaries	66,704
Overtime	23,305

Employee Benefits-

Employer's Share Social Security	28,782
Employer's Share Retirement	28,546
Employer's Share Hazardous Duty Retirement	67,541

Contracted Services-

Advertising	712
Vehicle Maintenance and Repairs	8,181
Payroll Services	2,925

Materials and Supplies-

Office Materials and Supplies	5,483
Uniforms	5,207

Auto Expense-

Gasoline	1,265
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Other Charges-

Conventions and Travel	1,570
Dues	520
Postage	3,528
Phone	8,228
Miscellaneous	1,743

Capital Outlay-

Vehicles	<u>55,000</u>	\$ 528,776
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Debt Service:

State Advancement	135,000	
Lease Payments	<u>3,048</u>	<u>138,048</u>

Total Disbursements		<u>\$ 666,824</u>
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KNOTT COUNTY
DALE RICHARDSON, SHERIFF
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND EXCESS FEES - REGULATORY BASIS
For The Year Ended December 31, 2014
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Net Receipts	\$ 103,766
Less: Statutory Maximum	<u>82,131</u>
Excess Fees	21,635
Less: Training Incentive Benefit	<u>3,910</u>
Excess Fees Due County for 2014	17,725
Payment to Fiscal Court - February 12, 2015	<u>17,725</u>
Balance Due Fiscal Court at Completion of Audit	<u>\$ 0</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

KNOTT COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

December 31, 2014

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Fund Accounting

A fee official uses a fund to report on the results of operations. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

A fee official uses a fund for fees to account for activities for which the government desires periodic determination of the excess of receipts over disbursements to facilitate management control, accountability, and compliance with laws.

B. Basis of Accounting

KRS 64.820 directs the fiscal court to collect any amount, including excess fees, due from the Sheriff as determined by the audit. KRS 134.192 requires the Sheriff to settle excess fees with the fiscal court at the time he files his final settlement with the fiscal court.

The financial statement has been prepared on a regulatory basis of accounting, which demonstrates compliance with the laws of Kentucky and is a special purpose framework. Under this regulatory basis of accounting receipts and disbursements are generally recognized when cash is received or disbursed with the exception of accrual of the following items (not all-inclusive) at December 31 that may be included in the excess fees calculation:

- Interest receivable
- Collection on accounts due from others for 2014 services
- Reimbursements for 2014 activities
- Tax commissions due from December tax collections
- Payments due other governmental entities for payroll
- Payments due vendors for goods or services provided in 2014

The measurement focus of a fee official is upon excess fees. Remittance of excess fees is due to the County Treasurer in the subsequent year.

C. Cash and Investments

KRS 66.480 authorizes the Sheriff's office to invest in the following, including but not limited to, obligations of the United States and of its agencies and instrumentalities, obligations and contracts for future delivery or purchase of obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, obligations of any corporation of the United States government, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of this state, and certificates of deposit issued by or other interest-bearing accounts of any bank or savings and loan institution which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or which are collateralized, to the extent uninsured, by any obligation permitted by KRS 41.240(4).

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
December 31, 2014
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Note 2. Employee Retirement System

The county official and employees have elected to participate in the County Employees Retirement System (CERS), pursuant to KRS 78.530 administered by the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems. This is a cost sharing, multiple employer defined benefit pension plan, which covers all eligible full-time employees and provides for retirement, disability and death benefits to plan members. Benefit contributions and provisions are established by statute.

Nonhazardous covered employees are required to contribute five percent of their salary to the plan. Nonhazardous covered employees who begin participation on or after September 1, 2008 are required to contribute six percent of their salary to the plan. The county's contribution rate for nonhazardous employees was 18.89 percent for the first six months and 17.67 percent for the last six months.

Hazardous covered employees are required to contribute eight percent of their salary to the plan. Hazardous covered employees who begin participation on or after September 1, 2008 are required to contribute nine percent of their salary to be allocated as follows: eight percent will go to the member's account and one percent will go to the KRS insurance fund. The county's contribution rate for hazardous employees was 37.60 percent for the first six months and 35.70 percent for the last six months.

The Sheriff's contribution for calendar year 2012 was \$97,051, calendar year 2013 was \$102,837, and calendar year 2014 was \$ 96,087.

Benefits fully vest on reaching five years of service for nonhazardous employees. Aspects of benefits for nonhazardous employees include retirement after 27 years of service or age 65. Nonhazardous employees who begin participation on or after September 1, 2008 must meet the rule of 87 (member's age plus years of service credit must equal 87, and the member must be a minimum of 57 years of age) or the member is age 65, with a minimum of 60 months service credit.

Aspects of benefits for hazardous employees include retirement after 20 years of service or age 55. For hazardous employees who begin participation on or after September 1, 2008 aspects of benefits include retirement after 25 years of service or the member is age 60, with a minimum of 60 months of service credit.

CERS also provides post retirement health care coverage as follows:

For members participating prior to July 1, 2003, years of service and respective percentages of the maximum contribution are as follows:

Years of Service	% paid by Insurance Fund	% Paid by Member through Payroll Deduction
20 or more	100%	0%
15-19	75%	25%
10-14	50%	50%
4-9	25%	75%
Less than 4	0%	100%

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
December 31, 2014
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Note 2. Employee Retirement System (Continued)

As a result of House Bill 290 (2004 General Assembly), medical insurance benefits are calculated differently for members who began participation on or after July 1, 2003. Once members reach a minimum vesting period of ten years, non-hazardous employees whose participation began on or after July 1, 2003, earn ten dollars per month for insurance benefits at retirement for every year of earned service without regard to a maximum dollar amount.

Hazardous employees whose participation began on or after July 1, 2003, earn 15 dollars per month for insurance benefits at retirement for every year of earned service without regard to a maximum dollar amount. Upon the death of a hazardous employee, such employee's spouse receives ten dollars per month for insurance benefits for each year of the deceased employee's hazardous service. This dollar amount is subject to adjustment annually based on the retiree cost of living adjustment, which is updated annually due to changes in the Consumer Price Index.

Historical trend information showing the CERS' progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is presented in the Kentucky Retirement Systems' annual financial report. This report may be obtained by writing the Kentucky Retirement Systems, 1260 Louisville Road, Frankfort, KY 40601-6124, or by telephone at (502) 564-4646.

Note 3. Deposits

The Knott County Sheriff maintained deposits of public funds with depository institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) as required by KRS 66.480(1)(d). According to KRS 41.240(4), the depository institution should pledge or provide sufficient collateral which, together with FDIC insurance, equals or exceeds the amount of public funds on deposit at all times. In order to be valid against the FDIC in the event of failure or insolvency of the depository institution, this pledge or provision of collateral should be evidenced by an agreement between the Sheriff and the depository institution, signed by both parties, that is (a) in writing, (b) approved by the board of directors of the depository institution or its loan committee, which approval must be reflected in the minutes of the board or committee, and (c) an official record of the depository institution.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a depository institution failure, the Sheriff's deposits may not be returned. The Knott County Sheriff does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk but rather follows the requirements of KRS 41.240(4). As of December 31, 2014, all deposits were covered by FDIC insurance or a properly executed collateral security agreement.

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Note 4. Note Payable

The Office of the Sheriff is liable for an unsecured or secured note payable to Community Trust Bank, Inc in the amount of \$97,874. Purpose of the note was to purchase three 2013 Police Ford Interceptor sedans. The note matures December 17, 2013 but is renewable for up to five years. The office of the Sheriff was in compliance with the terms of the agreement as of December 31, 2014. The balance at December 31, 2014 was \$27,414.

Note 5. Lease Agreement

The Sheriff's office was committed to the following lease agreements as of December 31, 2014:

Item Purchased	Monthly Payment	Term of Agreement	Ending Date	Principal Balance December 31, 2014
Postage Meter	\$ 65	60 Months	Dec 2015	\$ 780
Copier	109	60 Months	Dec 2018	5,220
Fax Machine	71	36 Months	April 2016	1,136

Note 6. Federal Grants

A. Lake Patrol

The Sheriff's office contracted with the United States Army Corps of Engineers to provide patrols for Carr Fork Lake throughout the year. The amount received under the contract was \$15,652

B. High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area

The Sheriff's office received High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) funds of \$24,232 during the year. These funds are used for the investigation and eradication of illegal drugs throughout the county.

C. Highway Safety

The Sheriff's office was awarded a federal Highway Safety Grant passed through the Commonwealth of Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. Grant funds were used to provide additional road patrols. The Sheriff's office received \$9,961 in grant funds during the year.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
December 31, 2014
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Note 7. State Grant - Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund

The Sheriff's office was awarded a Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund (KLEFPF) Grant from the Commonwealth of Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training. The Sheriff's office received \$22,081 in KLEFPF funds during the year.

Note 8. Forfeiture Funds

A. State Forfeiture Fund

The Knott County Sheriff maintains a State Forfeiture Fund consisting of proceeds from the confiscation, surrender, or sale of real and personal property involved in state drug related convictions. These funds are to be used for the Sheriff's office and are not included in the calculation of excess fees. This fund had a beginning balance of \$19 at January 1, 2014. Receipts totaled \$10,404 and disbursements totaled \$3,375 for the year. The balance at December 31, 2014 was \$7,048.

B. Federal Forfeiture Fund

The Knott County Sheriff maintains a Federal Forfeiture Fund consisting of proceeds from the confiscation, surrender, or sale of real and personal property involved in federal drug related convictions. These funds are to be used for the Sheriff's office and are not included in the calculation of excess fees. This fund had a beginning balance of \$151 at January 1, 2014. Receipts totaled \$10,972 and disbursements totaled \$1,258 for the year. The balance at December 31, 2014 was \$9,865.

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND
ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL
STATEMENT PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*



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**Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And
On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of The Financial
Statement Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards**

Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Excess Fees - Regulatory Basis of the Knott County Sheriff for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statement and have issued our report thereon dated April 15, 2016. The County Sheriff's financial statement is prepared on a regulatory basis of accounting, which demonstrates compliance with the laws of Kentucky and is a special purpose framework.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statement, we considered the Knott County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Knott County Sheriff's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Knott County Sheriff's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statement will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.



Report On Internal Control Over Financial Reporting And
On Compliance And Other Matters Based On An Audit Of The Financial
Statement Performed In Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards*
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Compliance And Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Knott County Sheriff's financial statement is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mike Harmon
Auditor of Public Accounts

April 15, 2016

